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HE Learned esteem nothing more evident, than that a straight Line is the shortest Method of connecting two Points. The Unlearned look upon it as an infallible Maxim, that Honesty is the best Policy. Yet such an unaccountable Forwardness there is in human Nature, that People in the Conduct of their Affairs seem to think the farthest Way about the nearest home; and through an unintelligible Kind of Policy imitate the Waterman's Method of moving, look one Way and row another. In Argument all Logicians agree, that it is Wisdom to keep to the Point, and not to digress for the Sake of Rhetorical Flourishes, lest the Heroes should either draw their Attention, or mistake the Matter in Dispute. Who ever attempted to look to the Right and shoot to the Left; Yet in Affairs of the utmost Moment, who think themselves the wisest are perfect Fools, and trust all to the Shots made after their Heads are turned: As the great Lord Bacon in his Essay takes Notice of a Statesman, who never communicated his Business, till the Visit being over he was back, and mentioned it as a Thing which had slipped out of his Head.

Among the Great this treading the Maze is thought Policy, but the greatest Men have thought quite otherwise, and have generally found their Account in this wrong Notion of Policy being commonly entertain'd, a Man is seldom believ'd to intend what he professes. In Queen Elizabeth's Time Leicester's Conduct was a Riddle; he lived mysteriously, and when he died left his Affairs in Disfraction. *Burgh* quite the contrary: he spoke clearly, wrote plainly, and acted openly, which absolutely disappointed his Enemies, and left his Friends nothing to be ashamed of. However, this left-handed Policy will always be admired by the Vulgar, and that for the worst Reason in the World, because it cannot be understood. This Admiration again recommends it to great Men who have but mean Parts, and who find it much easier to cover themselves from Inspection, than to render the Measures they take capable of being understood.

One would imagine, that where-ever this System prevailed, it could never be found among the Christian Clergy; and yet so it is, that most People look upon them as Proficients in it: Nay, and there was never an Ecclesiastical Dispute, but the one Party charg'd it on the other. In the Dawn of the Reformation the Protestants were indisputably more learned than their Opponents, they therefore appeal'd always to Scripture, which they knew they could best interpret. The Papists alledged a Multitude of Objections against this Method, as tending to lead the Valetted People into Heresy. The Truth was, they were afraid of being disturb'd in their Ignorance, and being compell'd to study; the Thoughts of which were a long Dispute they could not bear. *Sibthorpe* and *Manningham* preach'd up Passive Obedience in the Days of King Charles I. merely because they found this Doctrine in the Scriptures, and without the least Thoughts of Preferment, which appeared by their accepting Preferments; tho' it lost the King the Service of his Subjects, and destroyed that Doctrine they pretended to establish. These have been so constantly the Effects of such indirect Proceedings, that it is to be hoped Churchmen are absolutely deterred; and that for the future they will follow the straight Path, which will be always found to lead to Salvation, in every Sense of the Word.

This foolish Kind of Wisdom hath at some Times been in fashion among the Ladies, and even the Fair have admitted a Dissimulation which they hate in their Sex, which might be harmless and even useful in their own. There is a Tenderness due to the Fair of Women, and therefore I shall touch this Matter very softly. When *Mira* has in view the obtaining a favourite Request from her Husband, she is content to wear Sickness for a Fortnight, at the End of which the fatal Cause is disclosed, and the Patient recover'd. But this, like a Chymist's Process, hath more of Show than of Use. *Mira's* Husband is a Man of Sense, and if she told him at once what she wanted, he would certainly have granted it, rather than have

the Expences doubled by the Addition of the Apothecary's Bill. *Melissa* piques herself on using those Servants worth whom she likes best, and is particularly kind to those whom she intends to discharge on the first Opportunity. Such Schemes are not worth a Farthing; they operate only on gross Understandings, such as might have been better managed with half the Pain. For as to the more penetrating Part of a Lady's Circle of Acquaintance, they presently get behind the Screen: As I remember *Jack Sharp* foretold that *Lady Modish* was on the Point of Marriage; from her Ladyship's railing excessively against Men.

To expel so pernicious a Principle as Double-Dealing out of the World, is assuredly a laudable Undertaking; and I am confident that many who do not like Papers on other Subjects will be pleas'd with this. It is a Quality deservedly odious, and where it is not very dextrously managed, equally ridiculous. But this is not sufficient to engage any Man who has long practis'd it, to alter his Conduct; he will think it sufficient to double his Diligence, and to cover his Designs under the Veil of a seeming Candour. Let us then proceed to shew that all these Attempts are vain; and that in Order to be easy, to be happy, and to succeed in one's Designs, the best Way is to discard this crooked Policy, and to play upon the Square.

There is in Double-dealing a Meanness which speaks it unworthy of a great Mind. Mr. *Woolaston* makes Truth the Basis of Morality, but inasmuch as a Double-dealer lies through Life, he must, according to his System, be the most vicious of all Men. It must be own'd, that those who act in this Manner fancy they deceive the World by palming their Artifices upon them for Address; but in this they are mistaken, as they are in accounting to themselves for the Lawfulness of such a Proceeding, by supposing it necessary. It is a hard thing to dupe the World, but a mighty easy Matter to cheat one's self. The Fortune, Rank, or Reputation of a Man may secure him from being told his Faults, but they will not hinder their being found out. *Tiberius* excell'd in this Sort of Second-hand Wisdom; he might be styl'd the Emperor of Dissemblers, as well as of the Romans; but he was hated living, and his Memory is more odious than that of any other Tyrant. Yet it must be confess'd he sav'd Appearances better than any of his Successors, he generally wore a fair Outside, and did the worst Actions under the most specious Pretences. Here lies the true Source of that hatred which pursued him. Had he been a Fool or a Madman, he would either have been pried or slighted; but being as he was a Man of great Sense, and yet preferring Dissimulation to Virtue, acting always contrary to the Dictates of his Reason, and hoping to impose on the Understandings, as he trampled on the Properties of his Subjects, he undid what he purposed to do, and by his Cunning heighten'd instead of lessening the Terror of his Vices. Every Dissembler cannot be as great a Master in his Art, and if he could he would only be a great Man doing mean Things. If we mean well, it is honourable to avow our Meaning; but if our Intentions are evil, there may be Prudence in hiding; but true Wisdom would be shewn in altering them.

But Double-dealing is not only base and below a Man of Spirit, it is useless likewise, and altogether unworthy a Man of Knowledge. I would not be understood to affirm that a Double-dealer never succeeds in the Thing he aims at; but what I mean is this, that he never does what he thinks he does, in covering his Intent. Mr. *Voltaire* in his Life of Charles XII. of Sweden observes, that the Cardinal Primate of Poland was the very Reverse of what he seem'd; obstinate, with an Appearance of Irresolution, false at the Bottom, and yet full of Sincerity in all his Discourses; a Traitor to *Augustus*, yet in Shew the most respectful of his Subjects. With these Accomplishments, he was in the Judgment of the Many a great Politician; but even those who thought him so own'd that he was an errant Dissembler. If he had acted openly against his Master, he would have done him as much Mischief, and serv'd his own Purposes better. For tho' his Conduct enabled him to betray one Party, yet it hinder'd him from being upon good Terms with the other. This will everlastingly

be the Case. When a Man has succeeded once or twice by Double-dealing, his Character is establish'd. He may indeed practise more adroitly than ever, but he will be thoroughly known. What at first would have deceiv'd a Man of real Penetration, will at last deceive no body. For Men are somewhat wiser than Birds. They will not be caught by the same Tricks which betray'd their Fellows.

Still this is not all. Double-dealing in the End proves not only useless but dangerous; it operates on him who uses it; and as a Liar is not believ'd when he tells Truth, so a Dissembler cannot avoid Suspicion even when his Practices do not deserve it. Against such a Person all the World are on their Guard, and because they cannot know exactly his Designs, they do their utmost to indemnify themselves in opposing him in all things. This is the true Reason why People of this Stamp end their Days unhappily. Look into History, and you will find that Men of great Craft, tho' they have succeeded for some time, and have even conducted great Affairs to their desired Issue; yet by degrees both their Reputation and their Prosperity fail'd them; and at last, after losing their Spirit and their Credit, they either die of Disappointment, or languish in Obscurity. Experience teaches us the same thing in private Life. For tho' a Man of Art and Cunning may flourish, yet he never dies happy. He is seldom respected in his Family, has few Friends, and as he makes it his Practice to act cautiously towards all Mankind, so all Men act as cautiously with respect to him: This in the Vigour of Life passes off well enough; but in its Decline, when the World itself is unmask'd, and the veriest *Vulpine* sees all things in their natural State, a Man cannot help being displeas'd with universal Diffidence; and however he might endure Living, will scarce care to die in a State of Warfare with his Species. Many, 'tis true, put off these Thoughts by Amusements and Diversions; but this Putting-off supports my Argument. For a Man's moral Account must be in great Disorder, when he dares not for a Moment look into his own Books.

But granting it possible to rub well enough through this Life by the Help of these Sorts of Arts. Grant that a Man had Skill enough to preserve his Reputation by his Address, or Forehead enough to look Mankind in the Face after he had lost it. Grant that being too cunning for his Fellow-creatures could give him, what I believe it never yet gave, a Pleasure superior to the Perplexities it brings it along with it. What then? Life will have an End, and a Man must go where Double-dealing will avail nothing, where the thickest-wrought Cunning will make but a Cobweb Cloak, and where all his Exploits in the Way of his Profession, and every one of their Circumstances will be recorded. Is it possible that a Man can think of this without being uneasy? Or can we attribute common Sense to a Man, who could pass through Life without thinking of what was to become of him afterwards? In short, this Matter will not bear examining, a Double-dealer is both a Knave and a Fool in this World, and will indubitably be esteem'd a notorious Criminal in that to come. The straight and most certain Way of coming at any thing we desire is, to apply ourselves in a fair and open Manner to the Methods most likely to acquire it. The surest Way to make the World suspect us, is to take an opposite Road, and to exclaim continually against those things we are industriously seeking. Such a noisy Behaviour will not suffer People to be quiet, and whenever they open their Eyes, it is at our Cost. These Reflections will, I hope, have a proper Effect on some of my Brethren, since there is scarce a Barber who reads the Papers, but by this time is let into the Secret, That the *Craftsman* is in real Want of a Place, and that *Common Sense* would be glad of a Pension.

R. FREEMAN.

## FOREIGN PORTS.

Lisbon, Jan. 16. N.S. On the 21<sup>st</sup> ult arrived the Prince Frederick Packet, Lovel, from Falmouth; the Prince of Orange, Williamson, from Cork: On the 28<sup>th</sup>, the Townshend Packet, Cooper, from Falmouth; the Mary, Power, from Waterford; the Mary Ann, Allard, from Youghall; the Alexander, Jamieson, and the Julian, Dubois, from Cork; the William



William and Mary, Barr, from Waterford: On the 29th, the Racehorse, Goss, and the Mary, Card, from Newfoundland; the Betty, Tucker; the Messina, Meader; and the Friendship, Story, from Sicily: On the 30th, the Lisbon Packet, Duggan: On January 4, the Matilda, Blackwell; the Good Samaritan, Lovell, all from Cork; the Warner, Allen, from Philadelphia: On the 5th, the Adventure, White; the Mary, Wride; the Endeavour, Pike; from Newfoundland; the Britannia, Power, and the Friendship, Na. L. from Cork; the Dolphin, Harper, from Philadelphia: On the 7th, the Maffra, Smith, from Cork; the Eagle, Milligen, from Chaca; the Mary, Wardlaw, from Naples and Leghorn; the Henry and Susanna, Thrall: On the 8th, the Mayflower, Jones, from Newfoundland; the Joseph, Coultas, from Philadelphia: On the 9th, the Hannover Packet, O. born, from Falmouth: On the 14th, the Glasgow, Marshall, from Virginia; the Fly, Le Folly, from Fyall: On the 16th, the Charming Molly, Cusack, from Limerick; and the —, —, from Philadelphia: On the 27th ult. sailed the Molly, E. cott, for Oporto: On the 28th, the Susanna, Rodier, for the Streights: On January 3, the King George Packet, Uring, for Falmouth; the Weymouth Man of War, Capt Thomas Trefusis, for the North, with 25 Ships under his Convoy; viz. the Teneriff, Carter; Minerva, Pitts; Mary, Braddish; and Bee, Wills, for Topsham; Elizabeth, Davis, for Newfoundland; Betty, Budden; Hercules, Anderson; Ann and Mary, Scott; for Philadelphia; the Mary, Bepner; Betty, Moor; and Henry, Morrough, for Cork; the Lucy, Goodman, for Virginia; the Hopewell, Giles, for Biddeford; the Joseph and Benjamin, Linthorne, for Pool; the Duke of Bernick, Basset; Braganza, Lyon; Globe, Everett; and Charming Betty, Baddiley; all for London; the Hannah, Draper, for Waterford; the Milford Factor, Stokes, for Dublin; the Portmarchant Robins; and Elizabeth, Field, for Dartmouth; the Rebecca, MacLish, for Scotland; and the Grace, Drake, for Yarmouth.

#### HOME PORTS.

Dover, Feb. 18. Arrived the William and Sarah, Nichols, from Milford for Yarmouth, and the — Tanner, from Falmouth for London. Wind S. W. Deal, Feb. 18. Wind S. W. Arriv'd since last Port, and is sail'd for the River, the Betty, Martin, from Gallipoli; the Shorham, Falkingham, from Barbados; the Prince William, Grout, and the Lamb, Somerset, from Liverpool; and the Crawford, Harrison, from Chester. No Ship in the Downs.

#### LONDON.

Yesterday died at his Father's House in Grosvenor-square, Master James Daffwood, only Son and Heir of Sir James Daffwood, Bart. and Knight of the Shire for the County of Oxford.

Yesterday Morning the Corps of William Cowper, Esq; Clerk of the Parliaments, &c. who lately died at his House in Old Palace-yard, was carried from thence in great Funeral Pomp and Solemnity, to be interr'd at Hartingford in the County of Hertford.

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Yesterday was decided, at the Great Booth at Tottenham-court, the great Boxing-match between Thomas Smallwood and Patrick Henley, when the latter was beat in three Minutes.

On Saturday last Thomas Potter, Esq; second Son of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, was married at St. Margaret's Church Westminster to Miss Manningham, Daughter to the Rev. Dr. Manningham one of the Prebendaries of St. Peter's Westminster, a young Lady of fine Accomplishments and a handsome Fortune.

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleased to appoint Mr. Hickman to be Lieutenant of the Cruiser Sloop.

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Trinity-House, London, Feb. 19. 1739.

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